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TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my 23rd annual report on the Health of the Urban District of Ormskirk.

The Health of the district remained satisfactory during the year. 69 cases of infectious disease were notified of which 54 were cases of Measles. When the programme for immunisation against Measles comes fully accepted, it is hoped that the number of cases will be drastically reduced.

The birth rate increased slightly at 21.4 per 1,000 population compared with 19.7 in 1967.

The death rate at 12.5 per 1,000 population was a slight increase over the 1967 rate of 11.3. There was an increase in the infantile death rate of 20 per 1,000 live births compared with 9 in 1967. This, however, was an abnormally low figure and this year's figure compares not unfavourably with the rate for England and Wales of 18. There were no maternal deaths.

Housing conditions continued to improve and a further 294 houses were built during the year, of which 44 were built by the Local Authority. It should be noted, however, that all houses do not possess standard amenities, in particular there are still six houses which are not connected to a mains water supply, whilst 243 houses have only a privy or pail, although there were 79 conversions to water-closets during the year.

The staff of the Public Health Department have maintained a very high standard of work during the year. Mr. W. Higgins, who had been on the staff for over 20 years and Chief Public Health Inspector for the last 5 years, retired at the end of June, 1968. During this time he always carried out his duties conscientiously and carefully, being well liked by members of the Council, staff and public alike. We all wish him well in his retirement.

Finally, I would thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and support during the year and the members of the staff for their ready help and co-operation at all times.

I am your obedient servant,

J. G. HAILWOOD,

JULY, 1969

Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION 1.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area. 15,235 acres.

Population.—The population according to the 1961 Census was 21,828, but the Registrar General estimates that at the middle of 1968 the population was 25,680, on which figure statistics in this Report are based.

Number of Inhabited Houses. At the end of 1968 the number of inhabited houses, according to the Rate Books was 8,584.

The Rateable Value at the end of the year was £974,157. and the sum represented by a penny rate was £3,848

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Urban District of Ormskirk occupies 15,235 acres of the West Lancashire plain. The ancient town of Ormskirk is situated on the highest ground in the area, and the village of Newburgh is pleasantly sited on a small hill. Burscough is a small town three miles north of Ormskirk.

Three-quarters of the district is rural in character. The chief interest of the population is agriculture or allied employment; indeed, Ormskirk is locally known as the capital of this large agricultural area, and the ruling prices at the weekly market are quoted all over the country.

Apart from agriculture, the chief industries include a brass foundry, an ironfoundry, 3 timberyards, a printing and bookbinding works, a flour mill, three brickworks, sheet metal works and factories for the manufacture of biscuits, wooden handles, women's clothing, fertiliser, automobile oils, cloth trade accessories, corrugated board and containers and light engineering products.

VITAL STATISTICS

		1968	1967
Home population—(Estimated by Registrar- General—mid year)		25680	25440
Live Births—Legitimate	M. 247	} Total 507	461
Illegitimate	F. 237 9 14		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births.		4.53	5.42
Birth Rate per 1000 population			
	Crude	19.7	18.1
	Adjusted	21.4	19.7
Stillbirths	M. 3	} Total 6	6
	F. 3		
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births		12.0	13.0
Total Live and Still births		513	467
Deaths.			
	Males 162	} Total 301	269
	Females 139		
Death Rate per 1000 population			
	Crude	11.7	10.6
	Adjusted	12.5	11.3
Maternal Mortality			
Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion		Nil	Nil
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births		—	—
Infant Mortality (Infants under 1 year).			
Deaths—Legitimate		9	4
„ —Illegitimate		1	—
Total		10	4
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Total		20	9
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Legitimate		18	9
Rate per 1000 Live Births—Illegitimate		2	—
Neo-Natal Mortality			
Infants under four weeks of age—death rate per 1000 live births		18	4

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop.n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 pop.n.*	No. regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regis-tered	Rate per 1,000 live births
1968	507	21.4	301	12.5	6	12.0	nil	nil	10	20	9	18
1967	461	19.7	269	11.3	6	13.0	nil	nil	4	9	2	4
1966	521	22.5	294	12.6	10	18.8	1	1.88	10	19.2	8	15.4
1965	502	22.0	299	12.8	13	25.2	nil	nil	6	11.9	6	11.9
1964	480	19.9	252	10.3	3	6.2	nil	nil	5	10.4	4	8.3
1963	461	19.6	280	11.8	4	8.6	1	2.15	7	15.2	6	13.0
Ave. 5 years— 1963-1968		20.74	—	11.76	—	14.36	—	0.80	—	13.14	—	10.52

* Adjusted (live birth-rate) (comparability factor, 1.09) — 21.4 per 1,000.
(death-rate) (comparability factor, 1.07) — 12.5 per 1,000.

The Birth rate for England and Wales was 16.9, for Ormskirk 21.4.

The Death rate for England and Wales was 11.9, for Ormskirk 12.5.

The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales was 18, for Ormskirk 20.

The Maternal mortality rate for England and Wales was 0.24, for Ormskirk Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ORMSKIRK

URBAN DISTRICT

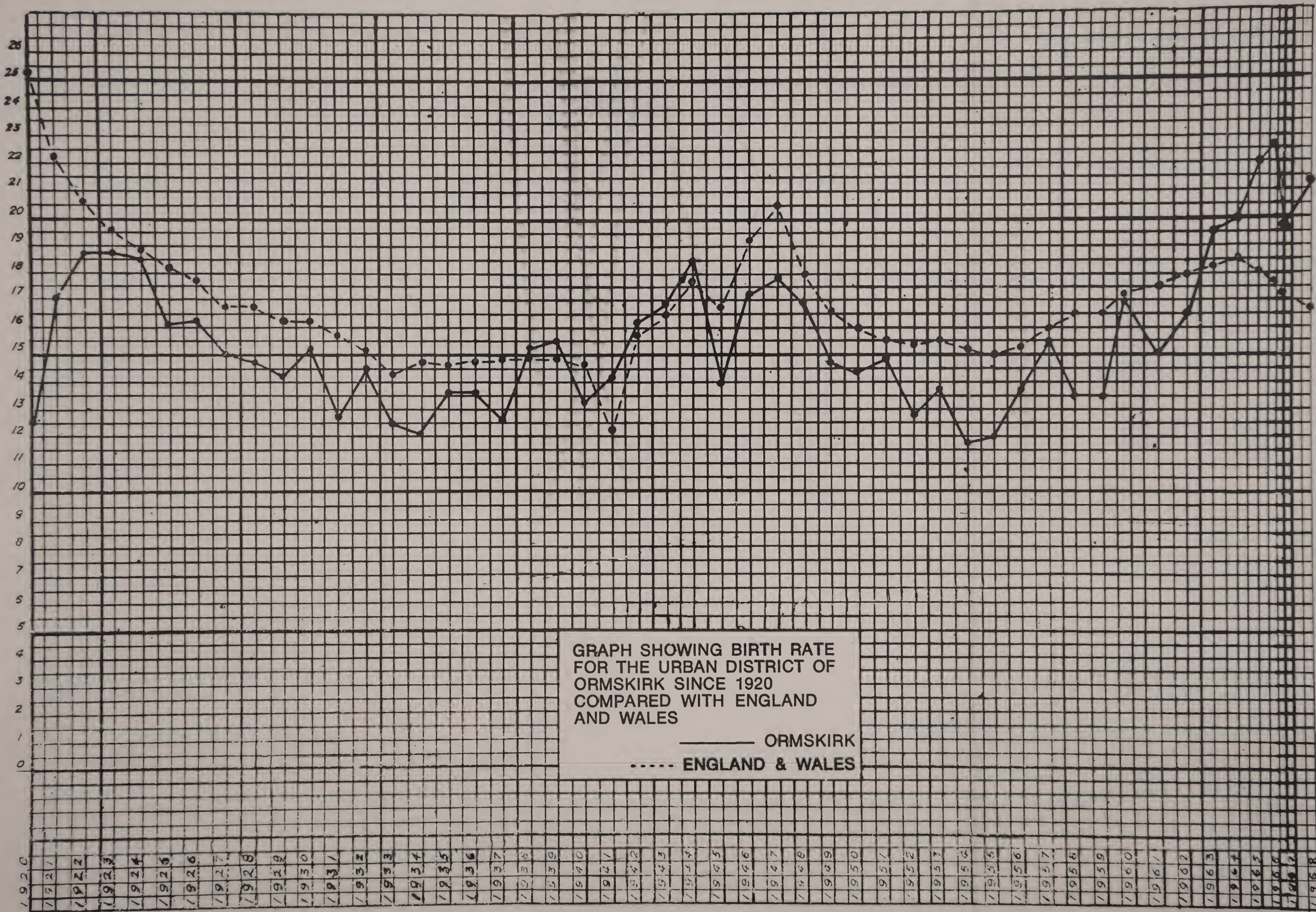
		1968		Total	1967	1966
		M.	F.		Total	Total
	Tuberculosis.....	—	—	—	1	—
	Syphilitic Disease	—	—	—	—	1
B4	Enteritis & Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	—	1	1	—	—
B18	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	2	—	2	—	—
B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	6	3	9	6	6
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm Lung					
	Bronchus	12	2	14	9	5
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm Breast	—	4	4	2	5
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	—	1	1	1	1
B19(5)	Leukæmia	—	1	1	—	1
B19(6)	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	15	12	27	30	30
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	3	1	4	3	2
B46(3)	Mental Disorders	1	—	1	—	—
B46(4)	Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	—	1	1	—	—
	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	—	—	—	53	40
	Coronary Disease, Angina	—	—	—	51	51
	Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	—	—	—	5	2
B26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.....	—	4	4	—	—
B27	Hypertensive Heart Disease	3	1	4	—	—
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	39	23	62	—	—
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	14	18	25	44
B30	Cerebral Vascular Disease	21	34	55	—	—
B46(5)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	1	8	8	4
	Influenza	—	—	—	—	2
B32	Pneumonia	13	10	23	18	22
B33(1)	Bronchitis & Emphysema	14	4	18	14	12
B33(2)	Asthma	—	1	1	—	—
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	—	1	1	6	6
	Ulcer of the Stomach & Duodenum	—	—	—	—	2
	Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	—	—	—	2	4
B36	Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	2	1	3	—	—
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	3	5	—	—
B38	Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	—	1	2	1
	Hyperplasia of Prostate	—	—	—	1	1
B46(8)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	—	1	1	—	—
	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	—	—	1
B46(9)	Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	—	2	2	—	—
B46(10)	Diseases of Musculo—Skeletal System	—	4	4	—	—
B42	Congenital Anomalies	2	1	3	3	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	4	—	4	—	—
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	—	1	—	—
B45	Symptoms & Ill-defined Conditions	—	1	1	17	32
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	2	3	5	6
BE48	All Other Accidents	7	4	11	7	7
BE49	Suicide & Self Inflicted Injuries	2	—	2	—	4
BE50	All Other External Causes.....	—	1	1	—	—
	Homicide and Operations of War.....	—	—	—	—	1
All Causes		162	139	301	269	294

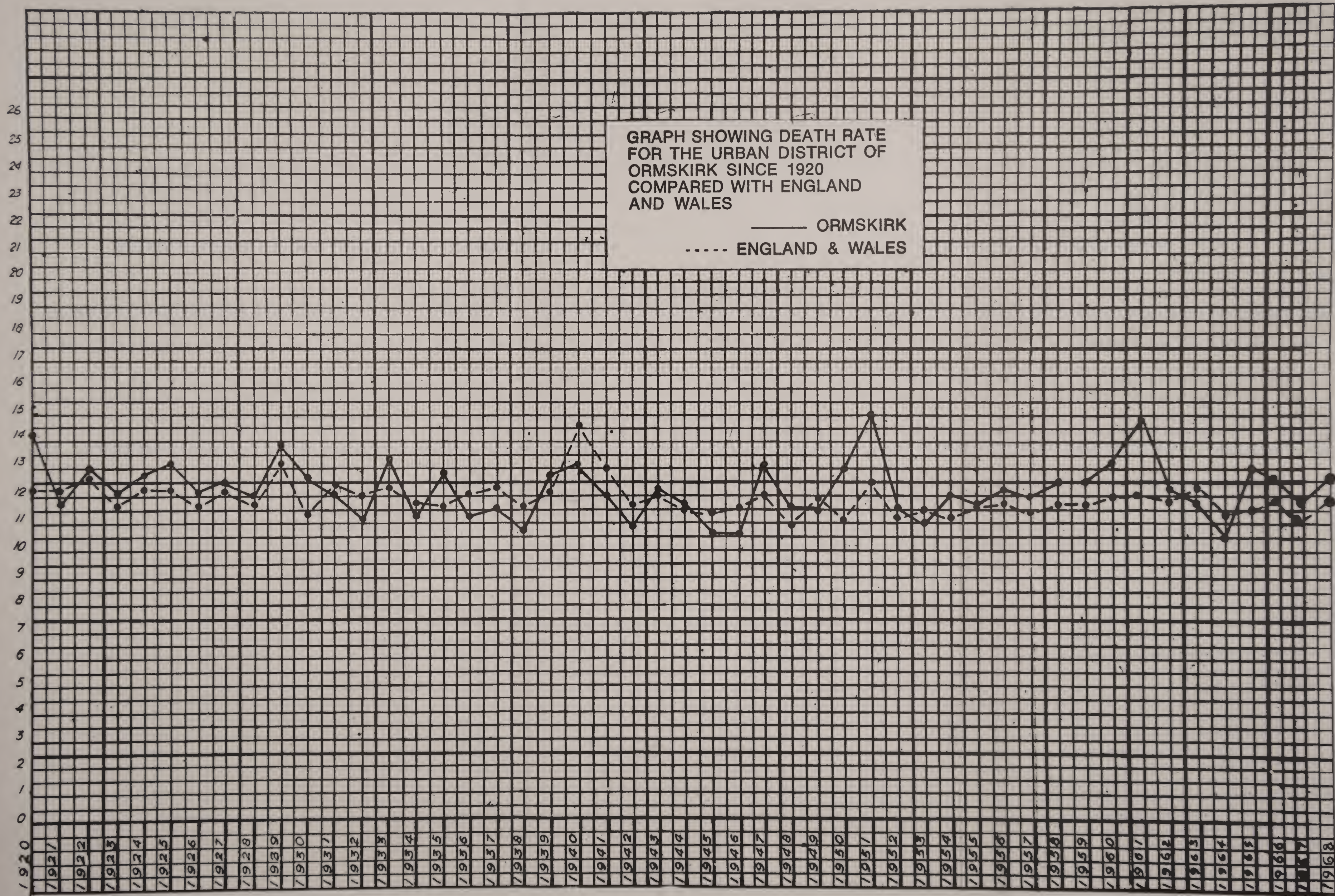
CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK

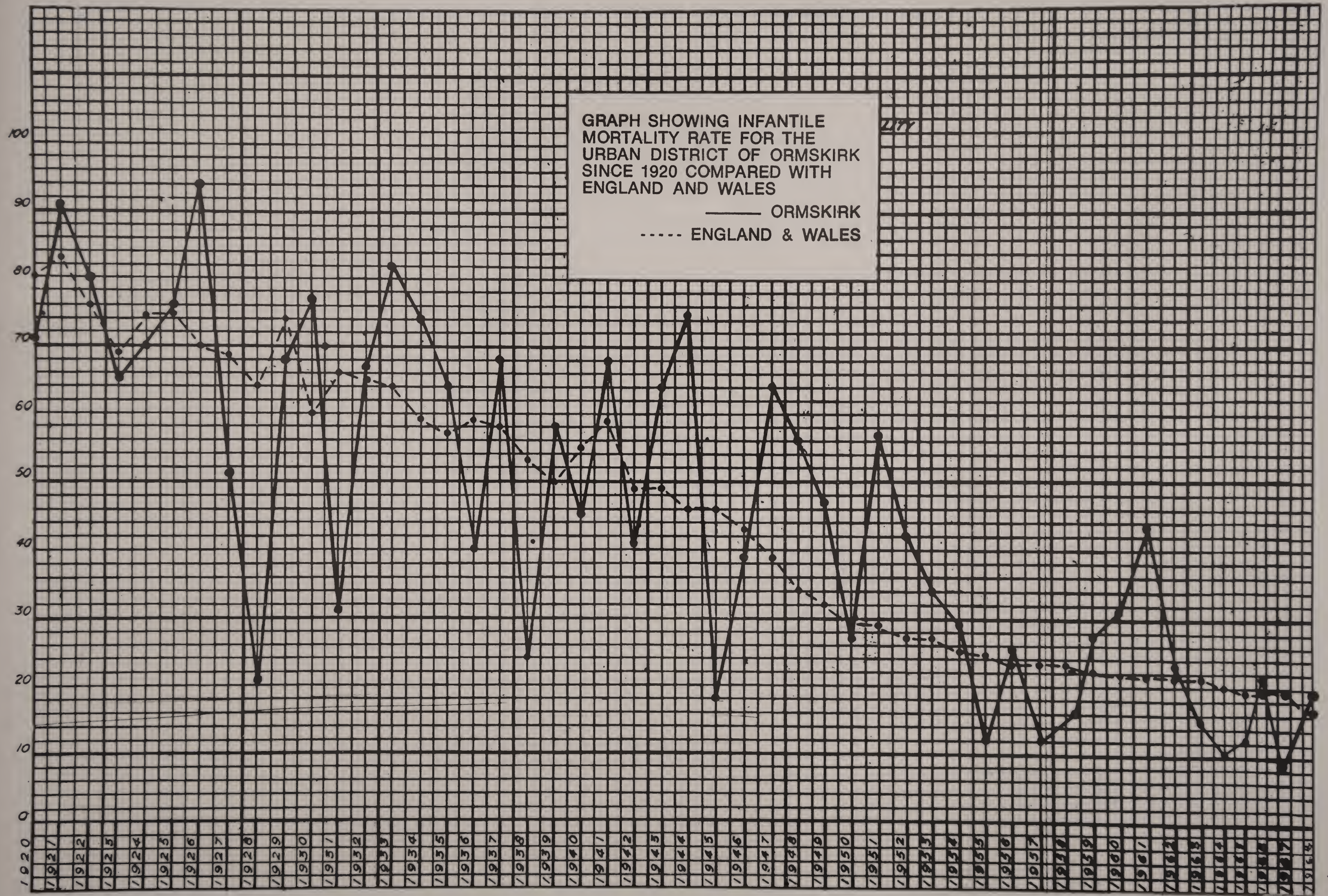
Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	4 wks under 4 wks	4 wks and under 1 yr	AGE IN YEARS							65—	75 & over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—		
B4 Enteritis & Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	M. F.	1 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	1 —	— —
B18 Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	M. F.	2 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— 6	— —
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach	M. F.	6 3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— 4	— 5	3 2
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm—Lung, Bronchus.....	M. F.	12 2	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— 1	— —	— —
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm—Breast	M. F.	— 4	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 3	— —	— —	1 —
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm—Uterus	F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B19(5) Leukæmia	M. F.	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
B19(6) Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	M. F.	15 12	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	2 1	4 —	5 7	4 1
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	M. F.	3 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	1 —
B46(3) Mental Disorders	M. F.	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M. F.	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M. F.	4 3	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	3 3
B27 Hypertensive Disease	M. F.	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M. F.	39 23	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	2 —	5 —	12 3	10 11	9 3
B29 Other forms of Heart Disease	M. F.	4 14	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —	13 15
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	M. F.	21 34	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —	25 2
B46(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M. F.	7 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	4 3	5 2	— —

TABLE SHOWING BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

Year	Estimated Population	Birth Rate		Death Rate		Infantile Mort. Rate	
		England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk	England & Wales	Ormskirk
1933	17,410	14.4	12.5	12.3	13.4	64	82
1934	17,670	14.8	12.1	11.8	11.3	59	74
1935	17,860	14.7	13.8	11.7	12.7	57	64
1936	18,090	14.8	13.6	12.1	11.2	59	40
1937	18,300	14.9	12.6	12.4	11.5	58	68
1938	18,400	15.1	15.2	11.6	10.7	53	24
1939	18,930	15.0	15.5	12.1	12.8	50	58
1940	19,660	14.6	13.3	14.3	13.1	55	45
1941	20,490	12.2	14.3	12.9	12.0	59	68
1942	20,200	15.8	16.6	11.6	10.8	49	41
1943	19,250	16.5	16.9	12.1	12.2	49	64
1944	18,500	17.6	18.5	11.6	11.7	46	75
1945	19,320	16.1	14.0	11.4	10.8	46	18
1946	20,360	19.1	17.4	11.5	10.6	43	39
1947	20,990	20.5	17.8	12.0	13.4	41	64
1948	20,030	17.9	17.2	10.8	11.6	34	55
1949	20,100	16.7	14.8	11.7	11.5	32	47
1950	20,110	15.8	14.5	11.6	13.1	29.8	27
1951	20,920	15.5	15.0	12.5	15.2	29.6	57
1952	21,180	15.3	12.7	11.3	11.5	27.6	41
1953	21,230	15.5	13.8	11.4	10.9	26.8	34
1954	21,340	15.2	11.8	11.3	12.1	25.5	29
1955	21,280	15.0	11.9	11.7	11.8	24.9	12
1956	21,350	15.7	13.8	11.7	12.2	23.8	25
1957	21,420	16.1	15.5	11.5	11.9	23.0	12
1958	21,450	16.4	13.3	11.7	12.5	22.5	17.5
1959	21,450	16.5	13.5	11.6	12.7	22	27.5
1960	21,850	17.1	17.0	11.5	13.0	21.7	30.6
1961	22,180	17.4	15.0	12.0	14.9	21.4	43.2
1962	22,880	18.0	16.7	11.9	12.2	21.4	23.6
1963	23,740	18.2	19.6	12.2	11.8	20.9	15.2
1964	24,350	18.4	19.9	11.3	10.	20.0	10.4
1965	24,850	18.1	22.0	11.5	12.8	19.0	12.0
1966	25,190	17.7	22.5	11.7	12.6	19.0	19.2
1967	25,440	17.2	19.7	11.2	11.3	18.3	9
1968	25,680	16.9	21.4	11.9	12.5	18.0	20







SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

The Ormskirk General Hospital—takes all types of cases and has a consultant and resident staff. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Brandreth Hospital—accommodates chronic and convalescent cases only. Out-patient sessions are held.

The Ormskirk Children's Convalescent Hospital—Green Lane, Ormskirk.

The New Hall Isolation Hospital, Scarisbrick—receives cases of Infectious Disease from the Urban District of Ormskirk.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council. An Ambulance Station is situated in Junction Lane, Burscough.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

<i>Child Welfare Centre</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Minor Ailments Clinic</i>	.....		Each Monday morning
<i>Orthopaedic Clinic</i>	.....	.....	First Monday in each month
<i>Orthopaedic Treatment Clinic</i>	....		Tuesday—alternate weeks
<i>Eye Clinic</i>	.....	.....	Each Monday afternoon
<i>Dental Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Thursday and Friday
<i>Speech Therapy</i>	....	....	Each Tuesday and Wednesday
<i>Immunisation Clinic</i>	....	....	Every Fourth Thursday afternoon
<i>Vaccination Clinic</i>	....	....	Each Monday afternoon in conjunction with Child Welfare Clinic

The Burscough Child Welfare Clinic (Old Council Offices).

Child Welfare Clinic Each Thursday afternoon

Immunisation and Vaccination

Clinic..... Third Thursday morning

Ormskirk and District General Hospital.

Chest Clinic Tuesday morning

Friday morning

NURSING IN THE HOME

Home Nursing is carried out by the Lancashire County Council. The services of a District Nurse are obtained for a patient through the General Practitioner.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens for bacteriological examination are dealt with at the Pathological Laboratory of the Ormskirk and District General Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.

SECTION 3

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of cases of infectious disease notified to the Health Department during the year was 69. This figure is lower than the number of notifications for 1967 when 326 cases were notified.

MEASLES

There were 54 notified cases of measles during 1968, compared with 305 cases in 1967.

TUBERCULOSIS

Respiratory. The number of cases notified in 1968 was 1. During the 10 year period ending in 1968 there were 41 notified cases, compared with 180 cases in the previous 10 years.

Non-Respiratory. 3 cases were notified during 1968. In the 10 year period ending 1968 there were 10 notified cases, and in the previous 10 years 15 cases were notified.

DIPHTHERIA

For the twentieth successive year no cases of Diphtheria have been notified.

During the previous twenty years (1929-1948), 433 cases were notified, and 32 deaths from this disease were reported during the same period.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

A total of 371 children completed a course of immunisation during the year 1968, of whom 293 were under the age of two years. A further 660 children were given reinforcing injections during the year.

Number of persons, in age groups, completely immunised during 1968:—

Under 2 years	Under 4 years	Under 8 years	Under 16 years	Total
295	29	19	30	371

Number of persons immunised against diphtheria since 1935:

1968	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	371
1967	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	489
1966	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	515
1965	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	501
Five years 1960-1964	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2330
Five years 1955-1959	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1165
Five years 1950-1954	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1527
Five years 1945-1949	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1661
Five years 1940-1944	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3859
Five years 1935-1939	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	109
Total									12527

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

This service is carried out under a joint scheme with the West Lancashire Rural District Council on a percentage of cost basis

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is by steam disinfection. During 1968 the following work was carried out.

					<i>Disinfection</i>	<i>Disinfestation</i>
Journeys	—	1
Rooms sprayed	—	2
Houses	—	1
Articles	—	12

WEEKLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ORMSKIRK DURING 1968

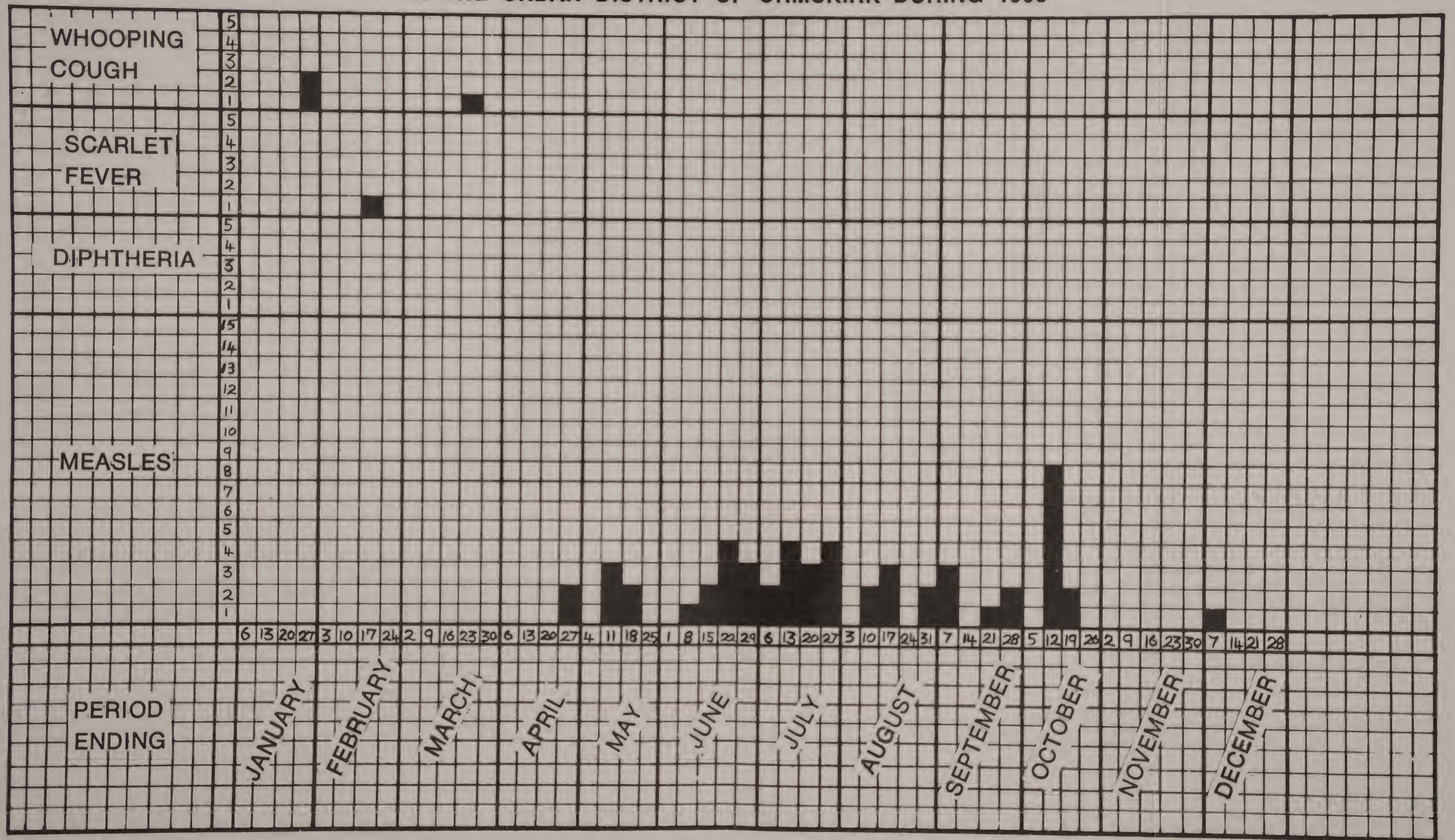


TABLE SHOWING NUMBER AND NATURE OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES COMING
UNDER THE NOTICE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH DURING 1968.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	—	—	—	2	5	10	13	7	6	10	—	1	54
Whooping Cough	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	7
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	2
Tuberculosis (Respiratory) (Other)	— —	— —	— —	1 —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— 3	— —	1 3
MONTHLY TOTALS	2	1	1	3	5	10	14	7	7	14	3	2	69

TABLE SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
THE YEAR 1968.

	WARDS														TOTAL
	Aughton 1	Aughton 2	Derby	S'brick	Knowsley	B'cough North	B'cough South 1	B'cough South 2	B'cough South 3	Lathom 1	Lathom 2	Westhead 1	Westhead 2		
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Measles	7	3	3	16	—	1	13	—	—	1	5	1	4	54	
Whooping Cough	4	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Tuberculosis (Resp.)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
(Other)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	
	13	3	4	20	—	2	14	—	—	2	5	2	4	69	

TABLE SHOWING INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS DURING
PAST 20 YEARS.

Disease	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Scarlet Fever	1	5	7	6	4	—	1	4	4	14	5	8	3	9	8	56	15	14	20	14
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	54	305	161	197	211	240	122	57	183	205	194	75	149	259	18	458	116	210	175	75
Whooping Cough	7	5	15	1	2	5	2	2	5	2	26	2	36	17	49	159	56	118	65	53
Para Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	1	5	1	—	7	2	8	6	9	6	28	17	49	14	15	18	15	13	18
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	3	2	1	—
Dysentery	—	4	2	1	—	6	159	3	11	2	8	—	—	2	131	1	23	5	4	—
Food Poisoning	2	—	6	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—
Anthrax	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—
Acute Polioencephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	2	4	1	22	10	17	15	15	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	6	4	3	6	3	7	4	2	5	4	8	11	11	20	23	21	25	15	12
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	3	—	1	1	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	5	2	2	2
Infective Hepatitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	69	326	201	213	224	266	298	84	214	238	244	147	230	361	298	729	275	406	311	175

SECTION 4.

SCHOOLS.

The Urban District is provided with Eighteen schools. These include one Grammar School, two County Secondary Schools, one R.C. Secondary School, eleven Primary Schools, one Nursery School, and two Private Schools:

With the exception of the latter, all the schools are in Division 11 of the Lancashire County Council Divisional Administration Scheme, 1944.

LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT

School	Total No. of Children on Roll at 1st Jan., 1968
Burscough St. John's C.E. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts.)	123
Burscough Methodist	238
Burscough R.C.	156
Lathom Park C.E.	70
Newburgh C.E.	134
Lathom St. James' C.E.	76
Burscough Lordsgate Township C.E.	220
Burscough County Secondary School	333
Ormskirk C.E. (Junior mixed)	514
(Infants)	393
Ormskirk St. Anne's R.C. (Mxd. & Infts'. Depts)	425
Ormskirk West End County Primary School ...	368
Ormskirk St. Bedes R.C. Secondary School	589
Ormskirk County Secondary School,	808
Ormskirk Grammar School	733
Ormskirk Moorgate Nursery School	88
Ormskirk High School	142
Arranmore Preparatory School	53
Total :	5463

During the year 1968 the following improvements and repairs have been carried out at schools in the district:—

BURSCOUGH R.C. SCHOOL

A two classroom extension to the new school and one existing classroom altered, so that each room has its own cloak, toilet and washing facilities.

All W.C's in the old school replaced.

NEWBURGH C.E. SCHOOL

A new kitchen.

An Assembly Hall.

A toilet block and improved cloak rooms.

A staff toilet and cloak room.

BURSCOUGH ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Indoor toilet and cloakroom facilities for all children.

Playground re-surfaced.

Kitchen for school meals completed.

LATHOM ST. JAMES

Indoor toilets:

Boys. 2 W.C's, 2 Urinals, 4 wash hand basins.

Girls. 4 W.C's, 4 wash hand basins.

Staff. 1 W.C.

Improved Cloakroom accommodation.

New servery and washing-up facilities provided.

SECTION 5.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The West Lancashire Water Board supplies water to the area mainly from deep wells in Dark Lane and Greetby Hill, Ormskirk and from the Halsall Lane pumping station.

There are 6 dwelling houses in the area which are not connected to the mains water supply. This amounts to .07% of the houses in the district.

Reports supplied by the West Lancashire Water Board with regard to samples of water taken during 1968 at Dark Lane, Greetby Hill and Halsall Lane Pumping Stations have been satisfactory except that the water supplied by the Dark Lane and Greetby Hill Pumping Stations is reported to be acid in reaction and a higher pH. value is required. The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 p.p.m.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council have three sewage disposal works in operation. One at Blackacre Lane, Ormskirk, one at New Lane, Burscough and a third at Westhead. The sewage is passed through sedimentation tanks and sludge drying beds, the surface effluent being treated by rotary filter and discharged into brooks.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE

This work is carried out by the Council's own employees. Four motor vehicles each with three men and a driver are provided and in addition a vehicle is employed part time to carry out a separate collection of waste paper from shops, etc. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at Burscough, on a site which was previously a clay pit.

In addition to the above-mentioned collection a special service is provided each Saturday morning, upon request, for the removal of bulky household refuse.

A Municipal bin ownership scheme is operated in the Urban District, whereby replacement of defective dustbins at private dwelling houses is carried out by the Council. During the year 516 defective bins were replaced by new ones.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF 1968

Number of fresh water closets	.....	8,554
„ „ pail closets	.....	216
„ „ waste water closets	.....	Nil
„ „ privies		27
„ „ privy middens		27
„ „ dry ashpits		Nil
„ „ dustbins	.....	10 674

CONVERSIONS

The number of closets which were converted during the year was 79, comprising 27 privy closets to flush water closets and 52 pail closets to flush water closets.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION

The number of premises in the district which were inspected during the year was 1,697 and the number of defects or nuisances discovered as a result of these inspections was 325, and 715 defects previously discovered had been remedied by the end of the year. Informal notices issued numbered 167 and 23 Statutory Notices were served on the authority of the Health Committee where informal notices had not been complied with.

SMOKE ABATEMENT—CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 & 1968

The Clean Air Act provides that within certain limits which are prescribed by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, and with certain exceptions, the emission of dark smoke from any chimney is an offence. Provisions are also included to allow for the making of Orders by the Local Authority (which Orders must be confirmed by the Minister) declaring an area or areas in its district as smoke control areas. There are no Smoke Control Orders in existence in this district.

There are nineteen chimneys used in connection with industrial plants in the area.

During the year the Clean Air Act, 1968, came into force. This Act, amongst other provisions, allows the Local Authority to determine the height of chimneys serving new or altered furnaces.

CAMPING SITES—MOVABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licensed camping sites in the area. Five site licences for a total of 51 caravans have been granted under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district

Private pools exist at Edgehill College of Education and Tawd Vale Scout Camp.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Routine inspection of shops in the area was carried out during 1968 and a total of 103 inspections were made. Any defects or contraventions which were found on inspection were dealt with informally and in the main all matters were dealt with without delay.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Under this Act shops where pet animals are sold require to be licensed by the Local Authority. Such licences are renewable annually. There are two such shops in the area and the licences impose conditions regarding the comfort and treatment of the animals

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

An Act to regulate the keeping of boarding establishments for animals, and for purposes connected therewith. The provisions of the Act require the licensing of animal boarding establishments by the local authority. Conditions prerequisite to the granting of a licence have regard to accommodation, food, drink and bedding material, provisions for the exercise of animals, etc. and the keeping of a register of animals received at the establishment. There are three licensed animal boarding establishments in the area. Licences are renewable annually.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1.—INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	121	137	18	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	3	3	—	—
	127	143	18	—

There are two outworkers on the list required by Section 133 (1)(c)(2) making Chamois Leather goods.

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—	1	1	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	18	7	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	—	—	5	—	—
Total	19	8	5	1	—

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

During 1968 the general inspection and revisiting of registered premises was continued. The total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises during the year was 415 of which 188 were general inspections.

Registered premises at the end of 1968 were:—

<i>Class of Workplace</i>	<i>No. on Register</i>	<i>No. of persons employed</i>
Offices	68	398
Retail shops	155	696
Wholesale shops, warehouses....	8	42
Catering establishments, canteens	31	165
	<hr/> 262	<hr/> 1301

During the year no accidents were reported.

Useful co-operation has been maintained with the Officer of the Factories Inspectorate appointed under Section 57 of the Act, relative to administration and other matters in connection with this Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One full-time rodent operator is employed by the Council on investigation and treatment in connection with rodent control work in the district.

In addition to the routine work a yearly maintenance treatment of sewers is carried out.

Treatments are carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and helpful co-operation is maintained with the officers of the Ministry in connection with this work.

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ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1968.

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a)	Number of Properties in District	9184	290
(b)	Number of Properties Inspected Following Notification	539	2
(c)	Number of (b) infested by Rats.....	302	2
	Mice.....	129	—
(d)	Number of Properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	192	1
(e)	Number of (d) infested by Rats.....	20	—
	Mice.....	—	—

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE BY THE PUBLIC

HEALTH INSPECTORS

DURING THE YEAR 1968.

Visits to dwelling houses (Public Health Act, Housing Acts and Rent Act)	....	....	....	....	....	1992
Visits to Houses re Improvement Grants	....	....	....	....	....	446
„ „ re Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	....	....	....	....	....	415
„ „ Rodent Control	....	....	....	....	....	310
„ „ Cases of Infectious Disease	....	....	....	....	....	7
„ „ Shops (Shops Act)....	....	....	....	....	....	125
„ „ Factories and Outworkers' Premises	....	....	....	....	....	154
„ „ Visits to Food Premises	....	....	....	....	....	440
„ „ Public Houses	....	....	....	....	....	17
„ „ Restaurants	....	....	....	....	....	19
„ „ Canteens	....	....	....	....	....	10
„ „ School Kitchens	....	....	....	....	....	2
„ „ Snack Bars	....	....	....	....	....	4
„ „ Clubs	....	....	....	....	....	6
„ „ Food Manufacturers	....	....	....	....	....	19
„ „ Butchers	....	....	....	....	....	21
„ „ Fried Fish and Chip Shops	....	....	....	....	....	6
„ „ Supermarkets	....	....	....	....	....	32
„ „ General Food Shops	....	....	....	....	....	116
„ „ Ice Cream Manufacturers....	....	....	....	....	....	2
„ „ Poultry Processing Establishments	....	....	....	....	....	178
„ „ Market Stalls	....	....	....	....	....	179
„ in connection with Milk Sampling	....	....	....	....	....	54
Ice Cream Sampling	....	....	....	....	....	15
Other Foods Sampling	....	....	....	....	....	2
Swimming Baths, water sampling	....	....	....	....	....	4
Miscellaneous Visits	....	....	....	....	....	675

SECTION 6: HOUSING

Included in the Council's list of applicants for houses there are approximately 86 families resident in the district who are living in rooms or sharing accommodation with other families. There is a need for housing accommodation for these families in addition to families who require to be rehoused from properties unfit for human habitation.

At the end of 1968 the Council had schemes in hand for the erection of 101 dwellings in Ormskirk and a further scheme is contemplated for the erection of 7 bungalows at Newburgh.

CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES

During the year representations were made to the Council by the Medical Officer of Health regarding 23 houses which were deemed to be unfit for human habitation. These consisted of 23 individual houses. The number of families from houses due to be demolished or closed who were rehoused during 1968 was 24.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES—IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year the Council received 5 applications for discretionary grant in accordance with the Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958/1964 and 35 applications for standard grants under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961/1964.

IMPROVEMENT AREAS

The Ormskirk (Burscough Street No. 1) Improvement Area and The Ormskirk (Burscough Street No. 2) Improvement Area declared respectively in 1965 and 1966 under the provisions of Section 13 of the Housing Act, 1964, are almost complete, the last 3 outstanding applications having now been received.

During 1967 a further area, The Ormskirk (Derby Street, Tower Hill, Wigan Road and Stanley Street) Improvement Area was declared. The area comprises 246 houses, 114 of which are lacking in one or more of the Standard Amenities. Of these 114 houses 55 are tenanted and 59 owner-occupied. The work of persuading both landlords and owner-occupiers to improve their houses continues and a number of installations of amenities have now been completed.

No further areas have been declared pending changes in Housing legislation.

Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year—

TOTAL	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	294
(i) By the Local Authority	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
(ii) By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Nil
(iii) By other bodies and persons	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250
Total number of Council Houses (a) Before 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346
Total number Council Houses Bungalows and Flats	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1306
(b) After 1945	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1652
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1652

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-Houses during the year—*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses-inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	715
(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, for the purpose	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1630
(c) Number of dwelling houses in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	179
(2) Total number of dwelling houses existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(a) Demolition orders have been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53
(b) Demolition or Closing orders have not yet been made	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52

Houses Demolished :— In Clearance Areas—	Houses Demol- ished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	12	15	5
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc.	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Not in Clearance Areas :—			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957	6	4	1
(5) Local Authority owned Houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Closed :—	Number		
(1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	3	5	2
(2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied :—	By Owner	By Local Authority	
(1) After informal action by local authority	126	—	
(2) After formal notice under—			
(a) Public Health Acts	9	—	
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—	

Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957) :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of separate dwell- ings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year :—		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48	—	—
(b) Under Section 46	—	—
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	—	—
Purchase of Houses by Agreement :—	Number of houses (1)	Number of occupants in houses in column (1) (2)
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clear- ance Orders or Compulsory Pur- chase Orders, purchased during the year	—	—

SECTION 7 INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SAMPLES FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

125 samples of milk were taken and submitted for various tests, with the following results:

Phosphatase Test	18	satisfactory
Methylene Blue		
Reduction Test	44	„
Turbidity test	5	„
Inoculation test for T.B.	30	negative.

Brucella Abortus—99 samples of new milk were submitted for examination all of which were reported to be negative, except one which gave an equivocal result.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no pasteurisation plants within the district. Two samples of pasteurised frozen whole egg were obtained from food manufacturers premises and submitted for Alpha-amylase test. They were reported to be satisfactory.

ICE CREAM

15 samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination, 11 were found to be satisfactory, and 4 unsatisfactory. Follow-up action was taken in respect of unsatisfactory samples.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.

Section 14 of this Act, which is administered by the Council requires under certain circumstances, the registration of hawkers of food and premises used for the storage of such food. At the end of 1968 the number of registrations was 30 hawkers, 24 premises. The number of inspections of registered premises during the year was 8.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 16.

This section of the Food and Drugs Act requires the registration of premises used for :—

- (a) the sale, or the manufacture for the purposes of sale, of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale, or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale. (For the purposes of this subsection, the preparation of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be the preservation thereof).

At the end of 1968 the number of registrations was : (a) 89. (b) 24.

During the year 78 visits were made to registered premises.

THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960—1962

Routine inspection of food premises, vehicles, etc., is carried out to see that the requirements of the Food Hygiene regulations are complied with. Stalls in the street market held in the town from which foodstuffs are sold are visited on market days.

The number of premises in the district subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations is as follows:—

		(a)	(b)	(c)
		see below		
Public Houses	34	34	34	34
Butchers	22	22	22	22
Fried Fish Shops	10	10	10	10
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Restaurants, Canteens, Snack Bars	21	21	21	21
Food Manufacturers	5	5	5	5
Other Food Shops	110	110	94	94

- a. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (provision of wash hand basins).
- b. Number of premises to which Regulation 19 (facilities for washing food and equipment) applies.
- c. Number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19;

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

There are now no licensed slaughterhouses in the district.

Poultry processing has, however, grown considerably and there are now four premises in the district slaughtering and dressing poultry for sale. Regular inspection is carried out at these premises.

Food inspection is carried out at both manufacturing and retail premises and also upon request from traders having in their possession food which appears to be unsound.

The foods listed below were examined and found to be unfit and so disposed of as to prevent them from being used for human consumption.

WEIGHTS OF FOOD FOUND TO BE UNFIT.

	Tons	cwts.	lbs.
Fresh Meat	—	4	47
Poultry	5	17	21
	—	—	—
	6	1	68
	—	—	—

In addition to the above-mentioned weights there were 269 packets of Frozen Food, 233 tins of Canned Meat, Fruit and Vegetables and 466 cases of Fruit found to be unfit.

The number of visits to poultry processing establishments during the year was 178.

The total number of birds processed during the year was made up as follows:

Turkeys	103,855
Broilers	551,131
Hens	156,732
Total	<u>811,718</u>

The percentage rejected as unfit for human consumption was 3137 representing 0.38% of the total processed.

Unfit meat and offal are stained with a green dye and used for industrial purposes. Canned foods which are unfit are buried in the refuse tip.

(c) ADULTERATION

The section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with adulteration, is administered by the Lancashire County Council, and I am indebted to Doctor Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following information:—

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING 1968

A total of 114 samples was obtained comprising 63 milks (of which 12 were Channel Islands Milk) and 51 others as follows:

3 Headache Tablets	2 Black Puddings
2 Oil of Eucalyptus B.P.	2 Fresh Fruit
2 Camphorated Oil B.P.	1 Soured Cream
5 Sweets	1 Cold Cure Tablets
1 Malt Extract with Cod Liver Oil	1 Boric Lint B.P.C.
1 Malt Extract	2 Vitamin Tablets
2 Tea	1 Cockles in Malt Vinegar
3 Aspirin Tablets B.P.	1 Mussels in Malt Vinegar
1 Semolina	1 Jellied Eels
1 Semolina Milk Pudding, canned	1 Medical Suspension
3 Butter	1 Chocolate Flavoured Beverage
2 Pork Sausage	2 Curry Powder
1 Rum	1 Asparagus Cuttings, canned
1 Gin	1 Pure Lemon Extract
3 Whisky	1 Cheese Spread
1 Brandy	

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action taken</i>
Pork Sausage	Contained 290 parts per million sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide without declaration).	Vendor interviewed and cautioned.

Pure Lemon Extract	Contained Isoproparol essential oils of lemon, fixing agent, moisture Tartrazine—and consisted therefore of a lemon flavouring rather than lemon extract as named on the bottle. Should either be labelled as “flavouring” or if sold as an “extract” should bear a list of ingredients.	Importers notified of Labelling of Food Order, 1953.
Cheese Spread	Contained a small fragment of cork weighing 8 milligrams.	Complainant informed and manufacturer informed.

ORMSKIRK MARKET.

The Ormskirk Market is an ancient institution dating from April 28th, 1286, when King Edward the First granted “ a Thursday market and a five days’ fair ” to the town for ever. The rights in the Market appear to have been vested in the Earl of Lancaster, for on the 29th September, 1286, those rights were transferred by the Charter of Henry, Duke of Lancaster, to the Prior of Burscough Abbey on the payment of an annual sum. The alienation of these Market rights is confirmed by the Charter of Henry, Earl of Lancaster, in 1339.

The rights remained vested in the Priory until the Dissolution of the Monasteries about 1536, and after its surrender to King Henry VIII. by Robert Barton, the last prior (who died in 1553). the Priory was granted to Sir William Paget, K.G., Principal Secretary of State in 1547.

A little over a century later (on the 23rd June, 1670) King Charles II. granted to Charles, the Eighth Earl of Derby, and his successors, the right to hold and keep two fairs, one in Whitsun week and the other at the end of August in each year, and a market to be held on Thursdays.

By a conveyance dated the 30th day of September, 1876, the Rights in the Market were sold by the Earl of Derby to the Ormskirk Local Board for £1,000.

The Ormskirk Local Board made Byelaws, which were allowed by the Local Government Board on the 17th December, 1881, whereby a market was to be held on Thursday and Saturday of each week throughout the year, which were amended to provide that a market was to be held on each week day throughout the year " unless the same shall be a day duly appointed for solemn fast or public thanksgiving."

Consequently upon the amalgamation Order of 1931 whereby Ormskirk Urban District was amalgamated with the Urban District of Lathom and Burscough the byelaws lapsed and new byelaws were made on the 19th December, 1935. These included *inter alia*, the fixing of the days and hours during each day on which the market shall be held; regulations as to the use of the market place and the buildings, stalls, pens and standings therein, and for preventing nuisances or obstructions therein, or in the immediate approaches thereto; penalties for offences against the byelaws and a table of Tolls leviable in the market was incorporated.

The market continued to be held throughout the war years, although on a limited scale. It has now regained much of its colourfulness, and each Thursday and Saturday, Moor Street, Moorgate and Aughton Street are filled with market stalls and itinerant tradesmen of all kinds.

Public Health Inspectors of the Health Department make regular inspections of market stalls selling food to ensure compliance with The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations.

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